

TGEI Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
Friday, July 22, 2005

Members Present

Joe Swinford, Chair
Buddy Lea, Vice Chair
Brenda White
Tracy Stinson
Renee Jackson
Mike Dedmon
Sam Chessor

Members Absent

Lynn Goodman, Ex-Officio
Brian Derrick
Tommy Chester, Past Chair
Nancy Bernstein
Carol Freeman
George Zukotynski
Tracy Carter
Mike Hayes
Karen Hale
Marva Bradford

Call to Order

The July Steering Committee meeting was called to order at 11:35 AM.

Minutes

A motion was made by Joe Swinford to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2005 steering committee meeting. Mike Dedmon seconded the motion. The Minutes were approved as posted.

Old Business

Newsletter – Joe Swinford reported that pictures of the TGI Golf Tournament had been received, and were available for inclusion in the next newsletter. Buddy Lea agreed to follow-up with Lynn Goodman regarding the Consulting Services group article for the newsletter.

Website -- Joe Swinford reported that Lynn Goodman was working on the update of the Steering Committee information for the website. Carol Freeman has invited the Steering Committee to hold its next meeting, schedule for 8/19/05 at TWRA facilities at the Ellington Agricultural Center Complex at 3:00 PM. She plans to present the updates to the website at that time.

Fall Conference – Renee Jackson gave a report on the status of the Fall Conference. October 25th is the scheduled date. Commissioner Goetz is confirmed for the afternoon. The Governor has been requested to speak and the schedule will need to be flexible for him to attend. Progress is being made on all logistics – everything is on schedule. Steering Committee members are encouraged to contact their respective classes as well as those alumni from their agencies to remind them of the Fall Conference and encourage their attendance. Renee reported that the Fall Conference subcommittee is planning on the meal being served as a buffet this year, rather than box lunches as in the past. This is in response to attendee feedback from last year to “try a little something different” with regard to the food.

New Business

Holiday Breakfast -- Scheduled for December 13th. Renee Jackson reported that the Holliday Breakfasts to date have been responsible for the collection and donation of \$9,700 to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Some alumni have expressed to desire to consider other charities as the beneficiary of our Holiday Breakfast charity giving. In recognition for the kindness and charity of TGEI alumni, a short video presentation reflecting the good that St. Jude's has done over the years will be shown at the Holiday Breakfast.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:40 PM. The next meeting was set for Friday, August 19th, at 3:00 PM at the Ellington Agricultural Center, TWRA Building.